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GW'S FACULTY ARTIST SERIES OPENS 1994 - 1995 SEASON WITH "FACULTY VOICE BASH" SEPTEMBER 26

EVENT: The George Washington University Department of Music's Faculty Artist Series presents a "FACULTY VOICE BASH."

Members of the voice faculty who will perform include Robert Baker, Eva Nagorka, Muriel Von Villas, Stephen Wellman and Jane White.

The program will be "AN EVENING OF OPERA" including arias and ensembles from Bizet's "Carmen," Mozart's "Die Zauberflöte," Verdi's "Falstaff," Barber's "Vanessa," Delibes' "Lakmé" and Dvorak's "Rusalka."

WHEN: Monday, September 26, 1994
7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre
800 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC
(Discounted parking is available on the night of the performance in the Marvin Center Garage.)

COST: \$5 General Admission
\$3 GW Faculty, Alumni and Staff
\$1 GW Students and Senior Citizens

Season tickets for the Faculty Artists Series performances are also available and may be purchased through the Department of Music office. Prices are:

\$12 General Admission
\$9 GW Faculty, Alumni and Staff
\$4 GW Students and Senior Citizens

For more information, please contact the GW Department of Music at (202) 994-5245.

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BACKGROUND:

ROBERT BAKER has performed as a lyric tenor with The Pennsylvania Opera Theater, the Opera Theater of St. Louis, the Washington Concert Opera and the Washington Opera. He has given oratorio performances with the Israel Philharmonic in Tel Aviv, the Joffrey Ballet and Norman Scribner's Choral Arts Society as well as a performance of the Britten "War Requiem" in New York under the baton of Richard Westenburg. In July 1992, Baker made his Carnegie Hall debut, singing Mozart's "Requiem," with composer John Rutter conducting.

EVA NAGORKA has sung frequently as a recitalist and in performances with the Washington Opera, the Piedmont Opera Theatre, Prince George's Opera, Shenandoah Valley Music festival, Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia and the Opera Ensemble of Washington. She has appeared as a guest artist with the Masterworks Chorus, National Choral Society, Folger Shakespeare Library, Jesuit Music Project and Washington Performing Arts Society.

MURIEL VON VILLAS has directed over fifty operas with Opera DC, Prince George's Opera, Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia, Opera Americana, Potomac Valley Opera, Boston Summer Opera, Washington Concert Opera, Cambridge (MA) Opera, Cedardell, Minnesota Opera Institute, Capitol Opera, The Little Orchestra Society of New York and Natchez Opera.

In 1976 STEPHEN WELLMAN joined the U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters, a 18-voice a cappella choir, and in 1990 was appointed conductor of that group.

JANE WHITE has appeared both as a soloist and with various orchestras and ensembles in the major halls of this area. Her repertoire spans five centuries and includes seven languages. She has sung contemporary music at the Pan American Union and the Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater, and Bach with the Washington Bach Consort and the Marlboro Bach Festival.

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AMERICA GOES ON-LINE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE

National leaders convene in Washington, D.C. to shift debate from punitive measures to positive solutions; GW to host national press conference on youth violence Nov. 1

WASHINGTON -- As part of a two-day gathering and national videoconference originating in Chicago on youth violence, The George Washington University will host a summit of national leaders and youth professionals on October 31 and November 1. Participants in this meeting will draft a consensus position which calls American society to action in adopting assertive, nonviolent means to bring an end to the violence and aggression plaguing the nation. **Their statement will be presented at a press conference during the three-hour videoconference on Tuesday, November 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (EST).**

Scheduled participants in the Washington segment of the videoconference include: **Sarah and James Brady**, the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence; **Dr. Joycelyn Elders**, U.S. Surgeon General; the **Reverend Jesse Jackson**, founder and president of The Rainbow Coalition; **Maria Guajardo**, executive director of La Rasa; the **Reverend Bernice King**, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr.; **Mark Rosenberg**, director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control; **Al Shanker**, president of American Federation of Teachers; and **Ed Zigler**, founder of Head Start.

The National Educational Service Foundation presents the "Breaking the Cycle of Violence" conference and videoconference, which are designed to facilitate meaningful dialogue among educators, policymakers, juvenile justice and social service professionals and community organizations in order to develop positive, systemic approaches for reclaiming youth and troubled communities. Practitioners in Chicago and other videoconference sites will see footage of three violence prevention models, interact with leaders in the field and take part in the press conference.

"NESF wants to make a difference in the lives of children and young people, especially those who are most likely to feel a sense of hopelessness," said Alan Blankstein, president of the organization. "Violence is symptomatic of deeper ills in our society. This event will help to begin to shift the terms of the debate away from punitive reactions toward more enlightened, peaceful, and positive approaches to violence and its root causes."

Event co-sponsors include: Agency for Instructional Technology, American Association of School Administrators, American Federation of Teachers, American Humane Society, American Youth Work Center/"Youth Today," Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Boys Town/Father Flanagan's Boy's Home, Bureau for At-Risk Youth, Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, Community College Satellite Network, Cornell Family Life Development Center, Council for Children with Behavior Disorders, Council of Chief State School Officers, Council for Learning Disabilities, Council of the Great City Schools, The George Washington University, Midwest Regional Center for Drug-Free Schools and Communities, National Association for Mediation in Education, National Association of Black School Educators, National Association of Homes and Services for Children, National Association of Private Schools for Exceptional Children, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of School Psychologists, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, National Dropout Prevention Center, National Network of Runaway and Youth Services, National Staff Development Council, North Central Regional Educational Laboratory, Phi Delta Kappa and Starr Commonwealth Schools.

For more information about the conference or video highlights of the videoconference, contact the National Educational Service Foundation at 800/733-6786 or 812/336-7700. For more information about reserving a videoconference downlink site, contact NUTN at 800/293-7679 or 804/683-3012.

Media interested in attending the press conference should contact Karen Sibert, 202/994-9023, or Shawn Tate, 202/994-6467, in the GW Office of Public Affairs. Seating is limited.



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GW TO HOST 'CAMPUS CHALLENGE' TV SERIES SEPT. 10-11

Students from 16 U.S. and Canadian Universities to Participate in Competition Testing Knowledge of Current Events, History and International Affairs

Washington, D.C. -- Students from universities across the United States and Canada will lock horns **September 10th and 11th** at **The George Washington University** in an innovative, televised competition designed to test their knowledge of current events, history and international affairs.

"Campus Challenge" will bring together more than 60 college students for a marathon of taping sessions at **GW's Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, NW (Foggy Bottom/GW Metro)**. Produced by World Affairs Television Productions in association with GW, the programs will be hosted by **David Johnston**, chairman of the Canadian Government's Commission on the Information Highway and former principal of McGill University in Montreal, and **Chuck Stone**, Walter Spearman Professor of Journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. GW President **Stephen Joel Trachtenberg** will officially inaugurate the competition and preside over the awarding of prizes and scholarships in the final program of the series.

The 15 half-hour programs will be taped in succession, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 10th and from 9 a.m. to approximately 12:10 p.m. on Sunday, September 11th. The TV programs will air on public television stations in the United States and Canada.

World Affairs Television Productions, an independent producer for several television networks, is headquartered in Montreal, Canada and has offices in Florida and Hong Kong.

Located four blocks from the White House, The George Washington University was created by an Act of Congress in 1821. Today, GW is the largest institution of higher education in the nation's capital. The University offers comprehensive programs of undergraduate and graduate liberal arts study as well as degree programs in medicine, law, engineering, education, business/public management and international affairs. Each year GW enrolls a diverse population of 19,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and 120 countries.

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**GW'S AWARD-WINNING COLLEGE ORIENTATION PROGRAM
SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 24-26**

**Best-in-the-Nation 'Colonial Inauguration' Welcomes Freshmen
and Their Families to GW's Campus in Historic Foggy Bottom**

Hundreds of new students at The George Washington University will kick off their college careers by participating in GW's award-winning three-day orientation program August 24-26. "Colonial Inauguration" is a whirlwind series of events designed to acclimate freshmen and their families to GW's campus just four blocks from the White House and to familiarize them with the historic Foggy Bottom community the University calls home.

"CI" activities include sessions on life at GW, a discussion for parents on the issues they face when sending their children off to college, and lunch in the arena that is home to GW's nationally-ranked men's basketball team. Participants will be introduced to GW's wide range of academic options and study abroad programs and have the chance to explore the University's comprehensive Career Center.

The "Colonial Cabinet," a team of 20 GW students chosen to lead "CI," will ensure that the Class of 1997 is comfortable at GW and in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood. They will also conduct programs for parents and siblings.

"CI" began in 1990 and has been recognized as the nation's best college orientation program by the National Orientation Directors Association. The program's publications have also been singled out as among the nation's most effective.

"Colonial Inauguration" is conducted five times each summer. This fifth and largest "CI" concludes just days before classes begin at GW Monday, August 30.

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**GW AND D.C. BAR SPONSOR FOURTH ANNUAL INSTITUTE ON FEDERAL
PROGRAM FRAUD: CORPORATE CRIMINAL LIABILITY SEPT. 1 AND 2**

EVENT: Fourth Annual Institute on Federal Program Fraud:
Corporate Criminal Liability presented by The George
Washington University and the District of Columbia
Bar.

Panelists and speakers include:
Gerard F. Treanor, Cacheris & Treanor, Washington, D.C.
Michael P. Millikin, attorney, Office of the General
Counsel, General Motors Corporation
Vincent Terlep, Civil Division, U.S. Department of
Justice
The Honorable Merrick B. Garland, principal associate
deputy attorney general, U.S. Department of Justice
Jacob A. Stein, partner, Stein, Mitchell & Mezines,
former independent counsel in the Matter of Edwin
Meese III in 1984

WHEN: September 1 - 2, 1994

WHERE: The Willard Inter-Continental Hotel
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

COST: Two-day Institute, including luncheons, reception
and course materials is \$645. D.C. Bar members and
GW National Law Center alumni receive \$30 discount.
Early registration is recommended. A limited number
of partial scholarships will be available to government
attorneys.

Background:

The District of Columbia Bar and The George Washington
University National Law Center cooperate in a joint venture to
provide continuing legal education programs covering a wide range
of topics, including institutes such as this one. Designed for

attorneys in private practice and government as well as corporate counsel of firms doing business in the four federally regulated arenas of government procurement, health care, financial institutions and the environment, the Institute brings together individuals from the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney's Office, federal regulatory agencies and the defense bar to discuss recent developments and future trends in civil and criminal enforcement of anti-fraud laws.

It will include a series of demonstrations to illustrate the "real-life" application of the government's tools of enforcement: how prosecutors put the civil and criminal dimensions of a case together, how counsel for the company and for individual officers and employers develop a strategy and how prosecutors and defense attorneys interact in the face of an indictment. Panelists also individuals from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Education, General Services Administration, U.S. Air Force, Arthur Andersen & Company, Western Atlas, Inc. and Martin Marietta Corporation.



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**CNN'S "CROSSFIRE" AND "CAPITAL GANG"
TO BROADCAST LIVE FROM GW CAMPUS SEPT. 12-17**

**First-Ever Remote Broadcasts of Popular Political Programs
to Originate from GW's Marvin Center**

Washington, D.C. -- The George Washington University will host two highly popular CNN programs when they hit the road in September for their first-ever remote broadcasts before live audiences. **"Crossfire"** and **"Capital Gang"** will originate live from GW's Foggy Bottom campus the week of September 12th to 17th. The University's students, faculty and staff will join CNN's invited guests and other members of the community as part of the first audiences ever to watch the always informative and often explosive political debates in person.

"Crossfire" will air from Monday, September 12 to Friday, September 16, 1994, from 7:30 to 8 p.m. each evening. **"Capital Gang"** takes the stage on Saturday, September 17, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. All broadcasts will originate live from GW'S Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, NW (Foggy Bottom/GW Metro, Blue and Orange lines). Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. each evening for **"Crossfire,"** and all members of the audience should be seated by 7 p.m. On Saturday, doors will open at 6 p.m., and the audience should be in place by 6:30 p.m.

One of CNN's highest-rated programs, **"Crossfire"** is broadcast nightly and features point-counterpoint discussions with prominent newsmakers, including White House officials, cabinet secretaries and members of the House and Senate. Michael Kinsley moderates the debates from the left, and Patrick Buchanan and John Sununu rotate the duty of taking the conservative point of view. The program has been on the air for more than 12 years.

"Capital Gang" features a lively discussion of current events among five panelists, including nationally syndicated columnists Mark Shields, Robert Novak and Mona Charen, Al Hunt of The Wall Street Journal and Time magazine's Margaret Carlson. Leading newsmakers also join the panelists as they dissect the issues of the week. The program is nearing the completion of its sixth year on the air.

Entry to any of the broadcasts is free with a valid GW ID for students, faculty and staff of The George Washington University. To ensure seating, members of the GW community should call Campus Activities at (202) 994-6555 and indicate which evenings they would like to attend and the number of people in their party.

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GW PROFESSOR ABBA EBAN TO PRESENT PUBLIC LECTURE SEPTEMBER 13

**Distinguished Israeli Statesman
to Address 'The 1993 Mideast Negotiations'**

Washington, DC -- Former Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban, now a visiting professor of international affairs at The George Washington University, will discuss the Mideast peace negotiations in his **Inaugural Lecture Monday, September 13, 1993. The public lecture will take place in GW's Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street NW, at 4:30 p.m.**

"The diplomacy of the 1990s will mark many sharp departures from previous situations, vocabularies and concepts," said Ambassador Eban. "The exploration of these new horizons is a great intellectual challenge."

Ambassador Eban begins a one-year appointment as the first J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Professor in GW's Elliott School of International Affairs this fall. He will lead a graduate seminar on "Ethical Dilemmas in Conflict Resolution" during the fall semester and teach an undergraduate lecture course on "Diplomacy in the Post-Cold War Era" in the spring.

Called "the most brilliant diplomatist of the second half of the 20th century" by the *Times of London*, Abba Eban served as Israel's first Ambassador to the United Nations (1948 to 1959). At the same time, he represented Israel as Ambassador to the United States (1950 to 1959). He served as Foreign Minister from 1966 to 1974, the period when the Six Day and Yom Kippur wars occurred, and has held various other posts in the Israeli government. Ambassador Eban's academic credentials include a degree from Cambridge University; he also holds honorary doctorates from seventeen universities around the world, ten of them in the United States.

The Shapiro professorship will bring to The George Washington University distinguished figures in international affairs, international relations and diplomacy, individuals whose experiences and reputations will provide an added measure of excellence to teaching and scholarship within the Elliott School.

"Older offenders are a very expensive item," says Turley. "Because they generally require more medical care." The average cost for housing and medical care of a younger inmate ranges anywhere from \$18,000 to \$20,000 whereas the cost of maintaining older prisoners can reach upwards of \$60,000. To those that argue the release of older prisoners merely shifts the burden of health care from the prison system to social services, Turley points out the cost differential is about \$40,000.

Turley -- whose work is supported by The George Washington University National Law Center and by a host of GW law students who donate their time and expertise on a pro bono basis -- conducts painstaking research of each case prior to taking it before the Parole Board. "We want to make absolutely certain we are recommending people who will not be repeat offenders," says Turley. Thus far POPS has secured the release of nearly 50 older prisoners -- none of whom have committed repeat offenses.

Each POPS recommendation for release includes a detailed parole plan. McClellan will be living with a friend in the District of Columbia.



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-- MEDIA ADVISORY --

**GW'S LISNER AUDITORIUM PRESENTS THE SECOND ANNUAL
"HUNGRY FOR MUSIC," AN EVENING OF DC AREA STREET MUSICIANS"**

**September 17th Concert to Benefit
the Coalition for the Homeless**

WHAT: "Hungry for Music," a rare gathering of the area's best street musicians and local talent to benefit the Coalition for the Homeless.

WHERE: Lisner Auditorium
730 21st Street
Washington, DC
(Three blocks from the Foggy Bottom Metro)

WHEN: September 17
8:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND:

"Hungry for Music" is a fundraising concert performed by area street musicians and other local talent. The concert has a dual purpose -- to help the area's homeless by donating proceeds from ticket sales to the Coalition for the Homeless, Inc. and to give area street musicians some well-deserved exposure and publicity. The event is sponsored in part by The George Washington University Office of Community Service.

The Concert program is divided into two halves. Street musicians will perform in the first half and local artists who have lent their names in support of the cause will perform in the second half.

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Artists for the first half of the program include: Charles Monk, folk guitar; Jentry McCombs, jazz flute; Bob Devlin, a one-man folk band; Chulpara, South American Andean music; Charles Solomon, blues; Robert Lighthouse, Delta blues; Larry Wise, blues; and Patrick Jackson and Patrick McFarland, jazz sax and keyboards.

Artists for the second half of the program include: accomplished singer/songwriter Kevin Jones, who will play folk guitar; popular local folk quartet Eddie from Ohio; award-winning singer/songrwriter Susan Graham-White; guitar hero Pete Kennedy, who has played with Mary Chapin-Carpenter and Nanci Griffith, performing with seasoned folk musician Maura Boudreau.

Jim Hubbard, who is founder and executive director of Shooting Back -- a project that teaches at-risk youth basic photography skills so they can express themselves in an accessible and affordable medium -- will serve as master of ceremonies for the concert.

Last year this grassroots effort raised more than \$1,000 and \$300.00 in canned goods for the Coalition for the Homeless. The funds were used to renovate one of the Coalition's transitional homes. The goal for 1993 is to raise \$10,000 plus \$2,000 in canned goods. In the future, founder and organizer Jeff Campell hopes to establish "Hungry for Music" in other cities where music significantly influences the culture and street musicians are prominent. Possible sites include: Chicago, Boston, Nashville, Memphis, New Orleans, New York, San Francisco and Seattle.

Tickets are \$12 for the general public and \$8 for GW students. They are available through Ticket Master, (202) 432-SEAT or at the GW Newsstand in the Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, NW. Members of the media interested in covering the event should contact Nora Kelley at the Office of University Relations, (202) 994-6460 or Jeff Campbell at (202) 994-4875.



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**NATIONAL CRASH ANALYSIS CENTER TO BE DEDICATED AUGUST 31
AT GW'S VIRGINIA CAMPUS**

**Department of Transportation-Funded Center to Help Researchers
and Engineers Resolve Transportation Safety Issues**

WHAT: Opening Ceremony and Dedication for the National Crash Analysis Center, a federally-funded research center in The George Washington University's School of Engineering and Applied Science. The Center will serve engineers and researchers studying the safety of motor vehicles sold and operated in the United States.

WHEN: Tuesday, August 31, 1993
12 noon

WHERE: The George Washington University
Virginia Campus
20101 Academic Way
Ashburn, Va.
(The campus is located on Route 7 one mile west
of Route 28, north of Dulles International Airport)

Background:

The National Crash Analysis Center will assist government researchers and engineers in resolving transportation safety issues. It will incorporate documentation and films of all crash tests conducted during the past decade by the U.S. Department of Transportation into a single national library. Biomechanical and crash-related injury research conducted at the Center will influence legislation for occupation-protection and restraint systems, according to GW Professor Nabih E. Bedewi, director of the Center.

The National Crash Analysis Center is supported by a three-way grant from the Federal Highway Safety Administration's Office of Safety and Traffic Operations Research and Development, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of Crashworthiness Research, and The George Washington University's School of Engineering and Applied Science.

FOR INTERNAL RELEASE
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GW DINING SERVICES IN NEW HANDS

Greater flexibility and promised improvements cited as key reasons for selection of ServiceMaster

The George Washington University has selected ServiceMaster Food Management Services as the new contractor for its dining services following a competitive bidding process. ServiceMaster assumed its new responsibilities from Marriott Corporation on Sunday, August 22 with no disruption in service.

University officials cited promised improvements in the resident student meal plan, retail services and the catering program, as well as increased flexibility for both students and GW as key reasons for the change.

"This agreement will provide substantially better food services to GW students and a positive economic benefit to the University," commented GW Associate Vice President for Business Scott Cole. "We look forward to developing a strong partnership."

ServiceMaster will manage the University's dining facilities in the Marvin Center, Thurston Hall and Mitchell Hall as well as all catering and concession services. Marvin Center facilities include the Grand Marketplace, Colonial Commons, George's, the MC Store and the University Club.

Among the immediate changes, the Courtyard Cafe in Mitchell Hall will become a 24-hour deli and convenience store. This facility supplements the larger MC Store in the Marvin Center, which is open until 10 pm weekdays and 8 pm on weekends.

Thurston Hall, which offers an all-you-can-eat dining center for resident students participating in a meal plan, will expand its food court. Meal plan participants will also be able to use their "Plus Points" for purchases at TGI Friday's, Milo's, Domino's Pizza, CIAO Food Store and The World Gourmet and Market. In addition, the Grand Marketplace will offer Baskin Robbins ice cream, Dunkin' Donuts, Taco Bell and Taste of America.

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"ServiceMaster has made a real commitment to be our partner in the area of student programs," said GW Campus Life Executive Director LeNorman Strong. "They have made a substantial commitment to the resident student program fund, and have begun to work with departments in Campus Life to support other University events."

No stranger to GW, ServiceMaster currently has contracts with the University for housekeeping, grounds and transportation services. Final contract negotiations for dining services are now underway. It is expected Servicemaster will be awarded a five-year contract with an additional five-year option. In the meantime, ServiceMaster has agreed to honor the existing union contract covering dining services employees.

"We are very pleased to have the opportunity to design and implement a dining plan that meets the needs of today's GW students," said new Dining Services General Manager Dave Bennett. "Our experienced food service team will provide nutritionally balanced, top quality, skillfully prepared meals as part of a program designed to ensure convenience, flexibility and customer satisfaction."

Marriott Corporation, which has managed all food services at the University for the past eight years, currently continues its association with the GW Medical Center. That food service program is also under review. The University anticipates identifying a food service partner for the GW Medical Center by mid-October.

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**AUGUST 30 "COLONIAL CONVOCATION" TO HERALD
NEW ACADEMIC YEAR AT GW**

EVENT: "Colonial Convocation," a celebration of the start of the academic year at The George Washington University. GW students, faculty and staff will participate in a parade and academic convocation. Prof. Henry Louis Gates Jr. of Harvard University will offer the keynote address, and a GW student will be recognized for saving a Russian visitor from being hit by an out-of-control vehicle. The event will be followed by a Welcome Fair along H Street, NW.

WHEN: Monday, August 30, 1993
Parade begins at 12:15 pm at Gelman Library Courtyard,
H Street, NW between 21st and 22 streets
Academic convocation begins at 12:45 pm in Lisner
Auditorium, 730 21st Street, NW

Background:

"Colonial Convocation" is an annual event to mark the beginning of the academic year and allow members of the GW community to become reacquainted as they return to school at the end of the summer. The academic assembly will be preceded by a festive parade around GW's campus which will include students, student groups, faculty and staff. Afterward, there will be a Welcome Fair on H Street, NW, next to Lisner Auditorium, where students will learn about various activities at the University.

The keynote speaker at the Convocation will be Henry Louis Gates Jr., W.E.B. DuBois Professor of English, director of the African-American Studies Center at Harvard University and the recipient of an honorary doctorate from The George Washington University in February 1993. Other speakers will include GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and Scott Adams, president of the GW Student Association.

In addition, GW Ph.D. candidate Tom Rial will be recognized for his presence of mind following a hit-and-run accident in April as he escorted a group of Russian visitors in downtown Washington. Rial, an employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, pulled one visitor from harm's way as a companion was killed by an out-of-control car. He then worked to help the rest of the group cope with the tragedy and make the most of the remainder of their stay in the United States.



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INCREASED USE OF INTERNATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANTS HAS UNIVERSITIES REEXAMINING THEIR POLICIES AND PRACTICES

GW Report Reviews Institutional Response to International Teaching Assistants

The decline of American student enrollments in scientific and technical graduate studies has created a void which is rapidly being filled by international students who are often better prepared in science, technology and math than their American counterparts. As a result, U.S. research universities have developed an increasing dependence upon foreign graduate students to teach undergraduate courses as graduate teaching assistants. The current discourse in the academic community concerns international teaching assistants (ITAs) on the delivery of undergraduate education in this country.

A recent report from The George Washington University's Educational Resource Information Center (ERIC) Clearinghouse on Higher Education, in cooperation with the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE), examines the developing body of

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research on ITA teaching and training at both research and regular colleges and universities.

Titled, "Crossing Pedagogical Oceans: International Teaching Assistant in U.S. Undergraduate Education," this review of literature and institutional practices concerning ITAs is authored by Rosslyn M. Smith, professor at Texas Tech University; Patricia Byrd, associate professor at Georgia State University; Gayle L. Nelson, assistant professor at Georgia State University; Ralph Pat Barrett, former professor at Michigan State University; and Janet C. Constantinides, professor at the University of Wyoming.

The authors suggest that "over the course of the next decade, most--if not all--undergraduate programs will use international students as TAs." Thus, ITA training will become a major concern as parents, undergraduate students and others become more critical consumers and institutions are required to account for the quality and effectiveness of their teaching process.

Issues affecting international teaching assistants are not so dissimilar from those facing American teaching assistants. However, the most noticeable differences, language and cultural sensitivity, are those most often cited by critics. In response to these concerns, many institutions have established assessment

and training programs to improve the communication and pedagogical skills of ITAs.

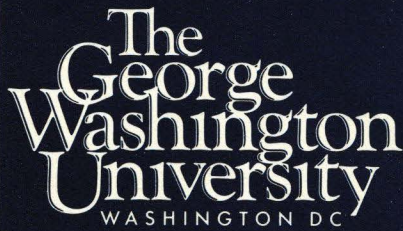
The authors have determined from their research that "the specific features of individual [training] programs vary widely. No single design is best for all institutions; the most effective programs take into account a thorough understanding of the structure, culture and needs of the institution." The quality and quantity of administrative support is another important factor in ensuring the success of ITA training programs.

The report also proposes areas needing further discussion and research, including the following: (1) the characteristics of the undergraduate classroom, (2) methods and materials that make for successful ITA training and assessment, (3) the personal and professional results of training for international graduate students, (4) the features of effective intercultural orientation for U.S. undergraduates, (5) assessment and training for international faculty members and (6) policy planning issues.

In their attempt to help guide institutional policy for the employment of ITAs in the future, the authors recommend "a balanced view of ITAs that acknowledges legitimate concerns without overlooking the important contributions to American universities that these international scholars make through their research and teaching."

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**GW PROFESSOR AMITAI ETZIONI ELECTED TO HEAD
AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

Dr. Amitai Etzioni, distinguished professor of sociology at The George Washington University, has been elected to a three-year term at the helm of the American Sociological Association. Dr. Etzioni will serve as president-elect for the coming year 1993-94; president in 1994-95; and past president in 1995-96. He assumes responsibility for governance of the 13,000-member professional association which represents faculty members at colleges and universities, researchers, practitioners and students.

An internationally recognized sociologist and author, Dr. Etzioni is one of five University Professors at GW -- a title bestowed upon only the school's most distinguished faculty. His achievements in the social sciences include 20 years as professor of sociology at Columbia University (for a time as chairman of the department), a senior advisor in the Carter administration, guest scholar at the Brookings Institution and the Thomas Henry Carroll Ford Foundation Professor at the Harvard Business School.

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Dr. Etzioni appears frequently on network television and has been published in Time Magazine, The New York Times, The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal. A 1982 study ranked Dr. Etzioni as the leading expert in public policy over the last decade. He has received numerous honors, including an honorary degree from The University of Utah in 1991 and several fellowships.

Often referred to by the media as the "guru" of the Communitarian movement, he founded and was first president of the international Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics and is credited with founding and directing the Center for Policy Research. His latest book, The Spirit of Community; Rights, Responsibilities and the Communitarian Agenda, calls for a new balance between individual rights and social responsibilities.

The American Sociological Association, founded in 1905, is a nonprofit national membership organization for sociologists. The association seeks to craft policies and to promote activities which will have a broad impact for sociology now and in the future.